

The Associated Student Union had a tough spring and summer battling the state government to keep the fees to community colleges from going to \$30 per unit. This fall, the ASU is committed to expanding student awareness and political power to prevent the Legislature and Governor from taking advantage of

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students in the future. Seated from left to right are Chief Justice Ben Padua, Commissioner of Environmental Concerns Andrew Embuido, Commissioner of Evening Division Alex Gonzalez, ASU President Donald Graham, and Vice-President Joel Lofton.

By ROBERT WELSH Valley Start Staff Writer

For the Los Angeles Valley College campus police, each new in the ongoing struggle to prevent big surprise.

"The current LAVC police unit is better than ever. We have tremendous expertise," says Police Captain Karl Traber. "We have investigators from homicide to forgery. Furthermore, most of our ten full-time officers are either retired from, or have received prior training with the LAPD or other local law enforcement agencies."

Another 10 part-time officers of the same ilk are part of the police team. "As a whole, the campus

police can boast a cumulative service record of 252 years," said

He said people sometimes get the mistaken impression that the semester brings yet another battle campus police are merely security guards. Unsuspecting criminal campus crime. Criminals who types quickly learn that the police underestimate their prowess this are not only armed with handguns year, however, could be in for a and pepper spray but with full peace officer authority as well.

However, Traber said he would like to minimize the harsh side of lawenforcement. "We want people to know that we are here to protect the students and staff," and said he doesn't like the idea of a heavy police presence.

One of the best deterrents against crime, according to Traber, is the Administrative Justice 87 students who patrol campus in their familiar yellow jackets. "They are my eyes and ears," said Traber

Campus Police consider students to be a valuable resource in the battle against crime. Although Traber doesn't encourage students to involve themselves directly, he night, officers simply enforce the nearest pay phone and report any stickers, are subjected to a illegal activity they encounter.

By dialing pound (#) plus 30 students will be connected directly to the campus security office without cost. In that sense, said Traber, the most important survival tool a student can possess is to know the #,30 telephone code.

In addition, Traber suggested that night students should walk in groups, stay in well lit areas, and carry their car keys in their hands. Fumbling for one's keys can only increase the chances of an assault. As a last resort, keys make an excellent weapon.

Some of the crime problems police said, have disappeared since overnight parking was outlawed. To keep the parking lots empty at said he hopes they will go to the law. Students without parking violation.

Another device commonly from any campus pay phone, employed by the police is a Crime Location Map. By constantly updating past crime locations, police are able to detect troublesome patterns as they develop. This technique recently paid off in Parking Lot A. As a result, student loses were kept to a minimum.

Traber said, smart students and staff are safer on the LAVC campus compared to other places such as their local mall. They need only apply the same awareness and good sense that they would anywhere else.

# LAVC gets \$763,000

By RICHARD MENNA Valley Star Staff Writer

An additional \$763,190 will be given to Los Angeles Valley College for the 1993-94 school year, representing LAVC's share of an extra \$5 million that Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees voted. on Sept. 1, to add to the district's 1993-94 budget, said district spokesman, Fausto Capobianco.

The trustees also specified that the \$5 million be used only to augment class offerings and that it be drawn immediately from the district's contingency reserve account, he said.

Although administrators at Valley have not yet decided how to allocate the funds, they are considering various proposals. Ideas include offering some shortterm classes this fall, restoring 124 classes cut from the Spring term, adding classes to the summer schedule, and/or saving some of the money for the Fall 1994 term, said Tyree O. Wieder, LAVC's vice-president of Academic

Leon Marzillier, president of the American Federation of Teachers College Guild Local 1521 (AFT), said the AFT deserves some credit for the campuses' windfall because it "led the charge asking the Board of Trustees to amend the budget and allocate the \$5 million to the defeated incumbent Pat Owens campuses."

According to Marzillier, the union argued at the board meeting that the district's budget of \$378.1 million was unacceptable because it represented an unwarranted cut of \$10 million from the campuses' 1992-93 budget (LAVC's cut would have been \$1.2 million). "Such a big cut wasn't necessary because we ended up with more money than we expected three or four months ago. You can't just cut everything from the campuses. The campuses, where the classes more classes this fall"

are offered, are our lifeblood. We get money from the state depending on how many students we have,"

On Sept. 12, the Los Angeles Times reported that as of the sixth day of classes the combined district enrollment was down 11 percent from the previous year and that LAVC's enrollment dropped 11.4 percent from 18,606 to 16,478.

Marzillier said he believes enrollment is down primarily because Fall class schedules were reduced when, in June, the trustees adopted a tentative district budget which cut the operations budgets of the district's nine campuses.

According to the Times, the 9.9 percent cut from operations caused LAVC to reduce it's Fall offerings by 12.5 per cent, thereby preventing many students from enrolling in classes they wanted.

Part of the reason why the union was able to influence the trustees to allocate the extra \$5 million to the campuses, is because the board is "friendly" and receptive to the union's ideas, Marzillier said.

He explained that AFT backed candidates won all three board of trustees seats which were up for election in June. The union spent approximately \$100,000 sucessfully supporting two incumbents, Althea R. Baker and Lindsay Conner, and challenger Elizebeth Garfield. Garfield who the AFT did not consider friendly to the union.

"It was a sucess for the union in that it was the first election since 1987 that all our candidates were elected. It was a good victory for our union and with our sucess last Wednesday we're seeing some of the benefits of our participation in the election", Marzillier said. "The only regret I have is that we weren't able to restore the campuses' budgets a little sooner so that they could have offered

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Aids Walk L.A..

Faculty and students of LAVC will be participating in AIDS Walk L.A. on Sunday Sept. 19 beginning at 10 a.m. To sign up or get more information contact Faculty Representative Phil Clark, Administrative Representative Mary Spangler, or Student Representative Sharon Mamane.

#### Outstanding Student Leader Counseling 7 p.m. Deadline

The deadline for students to ap- Financial Aid 7 p.m.. ply for the President's Award for Outstanding Student Leader is March 1, 1994. Applications will be made available by Dean of Student Services, Mary Spangler, at Campus Center room 110.

#### College+University Information Day

LAVC will be hosting its annual California University Day on October 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Monarch Quad area. The program provides guidance for transfer bound students. The Counseling office is available for scheduled and instant appointments Monday through Friday. For more information call (818) 781-1200 ext. 246

#### Hillel Events Calender

Hillel at Valley, the Jewish Student Organization, meets every Tuesday from 9 a.m.- noon.

Stop by the Hillel table across from Monarch Hall for more information, or call (818) 887-5901 Evening Hours of Student Services: Teusday only

ASU 7 p.m. Child Development 10 p.m. DSPS 9:30 p.m. EOPS 8:00 p.m. Health Center 7 p.m..

#### **Graduation Petition Deadline** Students expecting to graduate in Spring of '94 with an AA or AS degree must file a petition in the graduation office by Oct. 29

#### 1994-1995 Fulbright Exchange **Teacher Program** Educators interested in participating in the Fulbright Exchange Teacher Programcan refer to fact

and flyer sheet posted outside Ad-

ministration 102.

Applications must be returned by Oct. 15, 1993. For more information call the Program Outreach Department at (202) 382-8586

## Radio station grows, to hook up with TV **GEORGINA**

**TRAHOPOULOS** Valley Star Staff Writer

The "unnoticed and unheard of" Los Angeles Valley College KVCM Radio Station is "expected to add a new program that will allow airing on cable TV-channel 15, beginning sometime this fall", said Broadcasting professor Ray Wilson. Other changes within the radio programming will include an increase in advertising.

The station will be soon conducting a survey among students, and the campus community in general, in order to change the music selection and gain more listeners.

According to Professor Wilson 12 years ago United Artist Cable (UAC) won the franchise to service this area and agreed to work with LAVC. However, the previous owners were unable to comply with their agreement, due to financial difficulties.

Professor Wilson also explained that under television cable industry guidelines the TV station is attempting to meet their franchise obligations. " One of the first things that was done was to accept

KVCM programming on channel 15," Wilson said.

According to Wilson, the campus will receive cable and many other educational services, and "ultimately we hope to be able to originate programming on the campus such as broadcasting sporting and cultural events."

In any case, Gary "Glubby" Cohen, music director of KVCM, indicated that the cable program will require a great deal of responsibility, and will be a learning experience for students in the Broadcasting department."The students who will be working on the cable station will also be expected to perform in a professional manner," Cohen said.

According to both, program director Nate Mendoza and Cohen, a variation of classic rock and classical music will be part of the background of each advertising scene that channel 15 presents.

The stations will contrast with each other. "The music that will be played by the cable station will be different from the free form programming aired on the radio station.", Cohen Nevertheless, both Cable and the

to follow the Federal and error, and they will still be Communications Commission (F.C.C.) regulations while remaining separate from each

improve its status is on the way. Presently, the staff of the radio station are debating whether or not to play album oriented rock or alternative music for the campus.

According to Cohen, that is not the only selection of music that the members of KVCM will be deciding on. The idea of conducting a student survey throughout LAVC was approved by professor Wilson, and will either be held in the cafeteria or printed in the advertising section of the Valley

Students who fill out the survey will have a wide selection to choose from, such as classic rock, Top 40s, alternative, jazz, country, latin music and much more

Cohen explained that the intention of the survey is to reprogram their music selection based on the student's feedback. However, the standard free form of the station will not completely change. "This free form is designed

radio station will still be required to allow DJ's to learn from trial able to play the music of their choice," Cohen said.

According to Cohen, the 830 am station will also be play behind a Other attempts by KVCM to community access. "This will give us more exposure because right now nobody knows we exist", he said.

> Another problem that KVCM intends to improve is thier financial situation. KVCM receives \$40 for five weeks of commercials and airs five 60 second commercials for \$10 from local businesses.

> "Right now we plan to increase the amount of volunteer students that we dispatch to local businesses to increase our advertising profits," said Cohen. Mendoza commented that "In order to get more music and upgrade their music format they need to advertise.'

> "The profits earned through advertising sales would allow them to report to a magazine such as the College Music Journal and have them publish KVCM's play list." "By having C.M.J. publish our play list, it would br beneficial to both KVCM and the record lable", said Cohen.

# Opinion & Editorials

## Suffrage at last for LAVC 'Campus Difference' strives for unity

week. "And just like elected officials in the real world, that's what we're going to do." With that, the ASU signalled a change that, if it happens, we applaud: the opening of the polls at LAVC to all students in the annual election of ASU officers. Presently only those students that belong to the Associated Student Union are eligible to participate in the election of the student body president. Joining ASU costs \$7.00like a poll tax! The issue has been a minor but real controversy that has seen its share of ink on these pages. The matter is in the hands of ASU commissioners who vote in "executive" (closed door) sessions (like

"We have to answer to the electorate", the real world) and we are pleased that ASU president Don Graham told us this President Graham has assured us that the organization he heads is ready and prepared to change the current rules so that all students who want to vote may do so.

> We trust him to have assessed his commissioners accurately. Still, anything is possible, so we urge the ASU leaders not to get cold feet and back down. The final vote to modernize the election of student officers at LAVC by granting suffrage to all students will put the ASU's money where its progressive mouth is. Let's cheer them on in advance, then carry them on our shoulders when the deed is finally

# Happy New Year 5754!

It's not 1993 to everyone. Today is the first full day of the calendar that begins with the month of Tishrei, the beginning of the year for members of the Hebrew faith, the year being 5754, a long time! As time and cultures go, there is no people that have kept track of their history longer than that. The holiday is called Rosh Hashanah. Happy New Year! And we can't help thinking, hoping, that this is a special one because of the peace initiative that was signed by Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) at the White House Monday. We spoke to some of our fellow students about the historic event and got mixed reactions, but maybe these old neighbors (they weren't enemies for the whole five thousand years you know) will surprise us all! A new beginning on two different levels at least, and we can't think of a better way to start a new year. Here's to a "new millennium" of peace for the Palestinians, too.

## I.D.'s are a pleasant surprise

By AMANDA L. DUCHOW Valley Star Staff Writer

Walk into the Los Angeles Valley College Business Office, and you may find a pleasant surprise.

For the first time students can receive a "gift" from LAVC. This treat, a photo I.D. card, can be obtained by Valley students after paying their registration fees.

The card contains the student's, names, social security numbers and pictures created through computer generated graphics.

Associated Student Union, they will also receive a sticker indicating their membership for the current semester.

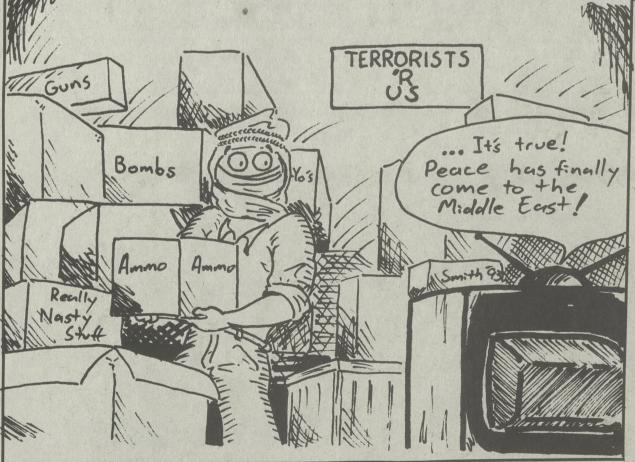
sive step for Valley College. Carrying a credit-card sized piece of identification eliminates the hassle of toting around the large registration receipt that students have been previously forced to

It is now easier to check out books from the library, use the services provided by the Health

If students are members of the Center or write a check in the book

Although there is a five dollar fee to replace a lost card, it can still be cheaper than having to pay a The I.D. cards show a progres- dollar every time students lose or forget their fee receipts.

> a step in a positive direction to event benefit students. Hopefully, in the future, Valley will continue to take more strides forward. Such progression can only improve campus life and pave the way for a hassle-



By JOSE I. LEMUS Valley Star Staff Writer

If you had been there, you would have agreed with those who were. "We need to have more programs like this on campus," someone said by the end, and a chorus echoed agreement across the room of about 35 people.

The program was "A Campus of Difference," geared to promote multi-cultural awareness on campus. It was presented by trainers of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Miriam Schnider and Ed Negrete last April.

Half-way in the presentation the room was warm and somewhat harmonic. An exercise consisting of introducing your friend next to you, had brought comfortability to the room, and participants began to utter feelings, emotions, added a philosophical tinge to the encounter of cultures.

Through one of the first exercises, the participants were led to identify the audience from the beginning: Non-practitioner Jewish American -feminist middle age woman, male Africar-American college professor, single catholic and conservative Filipino young woman, religious Indian-American woman, grandmother of an Irish-Latino boy, single nonreligious Latino male student, Mexican-American female professor, Irish-Dutch-Jew-American-Indian man, Dutch-Jewish-American professional male, mother, father, single, married and other "labels" attended the event. The participants realized that there were more referred to as minorities." In one "people" in attendance than what more citation, now from the they had previously thought.

the devil walk by, is nowhere near percent of those entering the job the same as talking to him," may market will be women and people It is pleasant to see Valley taking pose the feeling of that evening's of color." The hope is, of course,

largely conscious of the great diversity of cultural groups on campus. Who wouldn't be? A rainbow wraps the campus'land each day Monday through Friday

Difference," awareness means another, and Knowledge of the value and challenges of diversity, which was made the highlight of that evening's training at the Fireside Room in Monarch Hall. It happened through a self-search

and group exchange approach, where participants were able to see a vast gamut of human resources steming out of multiculturalism -- the cultural values of the different groups which are too rich to ignore. It was like looking into the space and noting that there are more stars that shine just like "me"

But more importantly, one could sense that the participants were willing to look at those stars more closely, appreciate their brightness, and remove the eclipse of ignorance which has been shadowing the light of knowledge. They blamed schools curriculums for not teaching a more inclusive history.

"A campus of Difference" is just one of ADL's various programs dedicated to combat bigotry and prejudice against all people."

The other two more popular programs are, "A Workplace of Difference" and "A World of Difference," which like "A Campus of Difference," promote the critical examination of cultural stereotypes and assumptions, the expansion of cultural awareness. the appreciation of the commonalties among the different cultures, and the identification of the enriching aspects of diversity.

The need for these programs are justified in ADL's citation of the Center for Immigration Studies which estimates that "by the turn of the century, one-third of all U.S. citizens will be members of what have traditionally been Department of Labor, it is predicted The old Spanish saying, "to see that "in the next few years, 75 that knowing eachother can That is, the LAVC population is improve the relationship among

But the statistics, perhaps, were not what made participants agree "we need to have more programs like this on campus." Most likely, as the sun's rays sprinkle in the it was the realization that ignorance about other cultures run rampant However, in "A Campus of even on college campuses.

An exercise where the something else: knowledge of one participants were asked to list prominent people in America proved that fact. The exercise was divided into categories: prominent

Americans in general, prominent American women, prominent African-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Indian American, and other groups.

With almost no exceptions, most participants had problems completing lists of five prominent people belonging to cultures other than their own.

In contrast, a common feature among the participants was that most found it easier to list names of prominent people belonging to Western-originated cultures, which summarized what everybody was thinking: there has been a historical domination of Western civilization over other cultures, which has contributed to the challenges of today's society: the task of knowing and understanding each other in order to build a better world.

This training makes you realize that a vastly rich portion of

American history is missing from the schools' classrooms, which is consequently replaced by ignorance. If you had been there you might have looked closely to the role of ignorance which plays in today's society.

Participants gave a close look to the danger of prejudice, the falsehood of stereotype, the wrongness of discriminationagainst. scapegoating, antisemitism, racism and other forms of bigotry. Ignorance about others feeds in all these terms.

One sheet on "helpful terms" given to each participant at the beginning of the program made a special note on the terms above: "Extreme forms (of bigotry) develop only when the more subtle forms are permitted to flourish."

The discussion was, at times, intense and it crystalized cultural differences, which were in turn analyzed with insightful interventions by the participants. and by the two trainers whom were of different backgrounds.

The program was not completed because of time shortage, but there was a sense of satisfaction among the participants. This had been an evening of learning.

English professor Jeanne Polak and the Staff Development and Diversity committees are planning to host the program again this

"My plan is to have it again this semester, during a professional development flex day," Polak said. "Students are invited

## Letters to the Ea

#### Student takes time to say thanks

Dear Editor:

My name is Danny Witherspoon. I'm a new student here at Los Angeles Valley College. On Thursday Aug, 26, I tipped over my electric wheelchair.

I don't know the names of all the people who helped me, but I would like to tell them that I am ok. I would also like to say "thank you" to them.

Also if anyone would like to conact me for any reason, you can eave a message for me at the DSPS office. Thank you for all your

Danny Witherspoon LAVC student

#### Police receive two bicycles

Dear Editor:

In addition to Bill Fury's letter of September 10, which is sure to please everyone

Because Captain Traber is a helper, never an adversary; because Officer Mike Habicht has a deep concern for everyone and everything here on campus, the ASU is awardiing two bicycles to the campus police, not one.

Surely we can all get together.

Romel Villamor Filipino Club

Patrick Phuaphes Paintball Club Jazz Smits

BSU member

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By S. L. SALAMONE Valley Star Staff Writer

The LAVC Planetarium opened Sept. 10 with a presentation of "The Wanderers." Colleen Gino presented an innovative, upbeat version of a classic lecture on the nine planets. The hard facts of each planet and related future impact was easily digestible in this talky, quick-paced show. LAVC presents planetarium shows which are held once a month in cooperation with the Astronomy Club. Both the club and the planetarium shows are open to the public. The Astronomy Club meets once a month and offers extra credit for astronomy students. They also have a film/lecture series which

coincides with the Astronomy 1 study course. They also hold monthly, "Star Parties." These are informal get togethers in the Angeles Crest Forest to view the stars. The planetarium has been at LAVC since 1965 and houses a Spitz A-3P projector. It also has a set of special effect projectors for both public shows and classroom lectures. For more information the Astronomy Club is holding an open house Friday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. It will feature demonstrations of telescopes as well as the planetarium projector. It's free and open to the public. The next planetarium show will be Oct. 22, 29, and 30. Titled "Spooky Skies" it's the annual Halloween show. For admission and times telephone 781-1200, ext.335.

## Astronomy class reaches for stars Middle East agreement: a new peace steming from a very troubled past

ROBERT FINKEL Valley Star Staff Writers

Last Monday a new chapter in the history of the Middle East was opened when Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) leader, Yasser Arafat and Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, clasped their hands at the White House to seal a peace accord between their peoples.

The agreement represents a giant step towards ending the bloody battle that the two groups have carried for more than a 100 years

By SARY FORNARIS and over the territory known as the el-Sadat, who was later key points like allowing Holy Land and that each one of assasinated, and Israel's Menachen Palestinians to gain total autonomy them claims as their own.

> The event, which was hosted by President Bill Clinton, was attended, among others, by former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald R. Ford, George Bush and former Secretary of State, James A. Baker III, is not the first diplomatic attempt in which the United States has been involved trying to establish peace in the conflict ridden Middle East region.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter hosted the Camp David peace conference at the conclusion of which Egypt's President Anwar

Thoughts from around campus

40 year old war between their two the withdrawal of Israeli troops differences. With the accord Israel

territory that Israel has and 1967 nor which area would be administered since 1967 and which able to call Jerusalem its capital. includes the Gaza Strip, a militarily important zone southwest of the city of Jerusalem, the West Bank which contains the cities of Jericho and Jerusalem, the present capital

Although the accord deals with

Begin, signed an accordending the within a period of five years and countries over intractable cultural from the Gaza Strip and the city of Jericho, it does not settle other ceded the Sinai Peninsula back to important issues like what will be the status of the Palestinians The current treaty deals with the refugees from the wars of 1948

> As the western world watches this historical moment the community of Los Angeles Valley College shares their opinions on this important event.

#### Police ride ASU bikes around campus

**By SARY FORNARIS** Valley Star Staff Writer

The new Associated Student Union president made good in his promise and as a result, the bicycle fleet of the Los Angeles Valley College campus police amounts to three. Now every officer on the "bike beat" has his own equipment.

"We spoke with Don Graham a couple of times about getting new bikes. We were ridding our own that were getting old," said officer Spencer Gonsenson of the campus police, "At the time Don was not vet president of the ASU. He thought the idea was good."

Gonsenson said that Graham promised to try to get the bicycles

if he won he elections.

The bicycles, which worth amounts to about \$450 each, will provide the officers easier access to small areas such as the arcade. They also "Improve response time. the officers are ... less threatening, it is environmentally sound and good for the officers health," Gonsenson said.

"This is an outstanding step to foster the ongoing relationship between the police and the students," said Captain Karl Traber of LAVC campus police,"

ASU president, Don Graham, was not available for comment.

"(I feel) cautiously optimistic. That's all I can say at this moment."

J.I. Marteney, LAVC speach



"Mixed feelings of hope and worry Hope that it will work out and worry that the fundamentalists will destroy a tremendous possibility for peace.' Leah Behar-Tsalik, psycology major.

"I don't think it is going to hold for vert long because I don't think the Palestinians want to be limited in their self rule. I truly believe Palestinians will ask for other territories besides what they are getting."

Troy Overfield, orthopedic nurse, psycology student.

"I am really happy that they did it and I hope it means something. The longer you can keep people from killing and hurting each other, the quicker they will forget why they ever did." "If it works...it is one less problem specially for the United States because we're coming like the policeman, fireman or banker." L.T. Jeorgensen, LAVC history and poliscience professor.

"I think the one who suffer the hardest will be this generation and the next one because they will have to try to forget the past. I think this (pact) is a good thing."

Armando Sepulveda, business major.

"I think it is wonderful and it is the first step to communications between Palestine and Israel." Juliana Christensen, cafeteria's night cook.



"My opinion is that our government should stop trying to help other countries and start to help our own, financially and otherwise. Like getting gangs of the streets." Debbie Woodruff, child development major, with son Brandon.

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# Entertainment

## LAVC student does Madonna

VINCENT NICOLETTI Valley Star Staff Writer

One year, eight months ago Hiroyuki Kato left Japan, without telling his family, to pursue an Jackson's video, "If." acting career in the States.

Already successful in Japan by Hollywood standards, his parents wanted him to take the more traditional role as a corporate man.

A master calligrapher with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Sapporo University, fully versed years of Kendo, Kato has been here at Valley College for one year studying Theatre Arts and Spanish.

His acting experience in Japan McDonalds' commercials. In these roles commercials Hiro, better known as Kato, displays a sense of humor that shatters all language barriers, while grabbing burgers.

'Creative anarchy'

just finished shooting Madonna's video, "Rain," also with Ryuichi Sakamoto as Madonna's director. Ryuichi co-wrote the soundtrack to "The Last Emperor" with David Byrne of Talking Heads fame. Kato also appears in Janet

Born in Sapporo City in northern Japan, Kato's grandfather was a samurai, and it follows that his family would expect him to uphold tradition. Recently however, his parents visited him here in California and have accepted his career choice.

Here in Hollywood, Kato has in Martial Arts including seven basically had roles that are examples of typical casting for a yakuza, and sushi chef to mention a few stereotypes. He is not upset includes being the star of five at portraying Japanese in these

When he gets back to Japan Kato would like to play more normal, humorous, and animated characters. He hopes to host a talk Here in the United States, Kato show and be his normal funny self.



Japanese. These include samurai, Theatre Arts Student Hiroyuki Kato with Madonna on set of "Rain" photo by HIROYUKI KATO

GARRETT D. URIBE Valley Star Staff Writer

The LAVC Paintball Club announced Monday that it's firing up it's yearly recruiting drive.

The club, which meets regularly Mondays at noon in Rm. 104 of the Foreign Language building, will have a sign-up/information booth in Monarch Square on Club Day, Wednesday, September 22.

Club president, Yani Searles, said that the organization is eagerly accepting new signees and that requirements are as follows -Experience: none; Membership Fees: one item of canned food for the homeless.

Of course, owning a paintball gun would be ideal for prospective members, but it's not, says Searles, mandatory -meaning that equipment can be rented, borrowed, found, or otherwise obtained in order to participate, and there will be "absolutely no discrimination" in the membership process. Male and female students alike (and even non-student

The club offers many great or make song requests at the benefits to members, including discounts on playing fees and equipment. Their primary goal this semester, according to representitives, is to foment enough martial zeal in the hearts of LAVC students to assemble a "battalionstrength" army so that they "may

friends) are welcome.

attack and destroy" other schools' forces in a new Inter-scholastic Paintball Wargames League which begins this Fall.

The new league will likely include such major threats as USC and CSU Northridge-schools with long-established paintball war

Ned Shlamus, a veteran club "We're dealing with large, well-trained, highly motivated forces. It might very well be time to bring back the draft."

member, suggests a massive conscription program be instituted

in order to meet the challenge of such redoubtable foes.

"When you talk about USC and Northridge'', says Shlamus, "we're dealing with large, welltrained, highly-motivated forces. It might very well be time to bring back The Draft."

But the chance of a Presidential mandate is remote, and club leaders feel persuasion will be unnecessary. "Once they see what we have to offer them, they'll be clawing at eachother to get in", said a senior official.

Confidence is high and morale is strong around headquarters - and with school spirit at an all-time high, the Monarch paintgun warriors go into this season of war with extreme optimism and vengeance.

#### Something's happening -- for the price of a movie

TIFFINIE P. McENTIRE Valley Star Staff Writer

Having trouble figuring out where to take your date this weekend? Tired of the same old family outtings? Sick of long movie lines? Well listen up, because there are some pretty interesting things happening in what may be your own back yard.

This Saturday and Sunday, September 18th and 19th, the Taste of Encino is taking place. This annual, community event is in its sixth year and will showcase various local restaurants such as the Daily Grill, Maria's Italian Kitchen, Cha Cha, and Islands, to name a few. Tickets for food and beverages will be sold 'carnival style ' for \$1.00 each, for food purchases up to \$4.00.

Aside from great food, the Taste of Encino is also the Wine and Entertainment Festival featuring live music and comediannes both days. Special children's shows are also on the agenda at 1:30 and 3:00 p.m each day.

Other specialties of this event include an array of arts and crafts 'boutiques' from local vendors and artists with a unique flair and an open air appeal.

This event will be located in the Courtyard shopping center at 17401 Ventura Boulevard, between Louise Avenue and White Oak Boulevard. Festival hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Parking is free with a shuttle service available along Ventura Boulevard

#### rocks Valley College By VINCENT NICOLETTI DJ Carlo Panno's taste ranges Valley Star Staff Writer from Steely Dan to the big band "Creative Anarchy" is how sounds of Glenn Miller and novelty

program director Nathaniel Mendoza describes the format of Valley College's on-campus radio station, KVCM.

team. Bill and Tim. to the weekly hour. "Acid Trip" with personality KVCM studios in the Humanities

All air personalities are Valley dial. College students who are assigned time slots by faculty advisor Ray Wilson, himself a radio news

Air personalities are encouraged 781-1200 ext. 305. to play their choice of music. In addition to this the station stocks people around," adds air several hundred pre-recorded cartridges of rock and roll hits long as there's no class in session." dating back to the fifties.

hits by Louis Prima and Phil Harris. "I don't know the new stuff," Panno says, "I just come in with forty to fifty hours of music From the morning news and talk and play what appeals to me for an

The limited broadcast range of Steve Shaw, to the hard rock of KVCM is best heard out of radios "Mark the Shark" and Jeff chained around the quad that are Melendez, KVCM programs set out each morning by engineermusic for our campus twelve hours at-large Richard Blythe, who also a day, from 7am to 7pm out of the performs three days a week at the

KVCM airs at 830 on the AM

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## The Disabled Students Gym-The struggle continues

By ROBERT WELSH Valley Star Staff Writer

There are no fancy mirrors in the Disabled Student's gym. Nor are there any carpet, airconditioning or neatly stacked rows of white linen towels. By comparison, the place probably has more in common with an old inner-city boxing facility than the Fitness Center located just a few yards to the east. In spite of its many shortcomings, however, the Disabled Student's gym does have one indisputable asset, Jim Gayton.

A graduate of CSUN, Gayton is uniquely qualified to serve as a teacher, trainer and mentor to the disabled. Before coming to Los Angeles Valley College, he trained Olympic bicyclists. He also served as a New York State police officer; as a consequence, not much surprises him. Past experience has taught Gayton that each individual comes with their own special needs.

"Our focus here," he explains, " is on what a student can do, not what they can't. Basically, I just want to help these people meet a few of their goals, maybe help somehow last.

It's L.A. smog

Like some toxic gas

Which looks like yucky fog

It assaults your olfactory recep-

them get a fair shot."

Gayton's students are as varied as the reasons bringing them togther. Take Hal Loman, for example, who as a young performer danced on the legendary Ed Sullivan show. Today, at 69, he's still handsome and one of Gayton's many success stories. Although faced with some heart and muscular disorders, Loman maintains his long-term commitment to stay in shape. Once a dancer, he's a fighter now in every sense of the word.

The disabled students rely heavily upon donations from the community. "We've received tremendous support from some of the local organizations," says a grateful Jim Gayton. Recent donations from local Rotary Clubs helped purchase some badly needed special equipment.

In reference to recent budget cuts, Gayton states flatly, "the handicapped have been so shortchanged in the past, that to reduce them any more would be criminal." All things considered, he feels that with a little help from the community, the current budget will

LAVC Rappin' Roskoff hits the trail

But wait for winter and a polar

A cold air mass moving east

and is on the road once again

This smelly mass!

with westerly brunt

Gayton wants people to know that efforts of the Disabled Students Programs and Services reach far beyond campus to benefit the community at large. According to Gayton, Valley's becoming a center for the treatment of orthopedic disorders. People often come to his program as a last resort. Either the doctor tells them that nothing more can be done or their insurance runs out for some reason. When left on their own, they come to Valley.

Money notwithstanding, what Gayton really needs is volunteers. "We never have enough help. We're always looking for honest, sincere, students willing to donate a couple of hours weekly."

"The folks in my program are regular people who, through no fault of their own, have been dealt a few hard blows. Nevertheless, they fight on just the same. Could you?" Gayton asks. "Students should take time to humble themselves and stop by for a visit," he maintains. "No matter how serious they think their own problems are, this place will put them in perspective."

Which the meteorologists

Would you put it in your wash-

predict with trepidation.

Is this rain pristine?



Instructor Jim Gayton and student Hal Loman, work on building strength at the Disabled Students Gym. KIM SMITH/Valley Star

By S.L. SALAMONE Valley Star Staff Writer

Did you know that there are fossils in one of the bathrooms here on campus? Well there are, just ask Professor Richard Raskoff, he'll not only tell you about them, he'll show them to you. Found in the Life Science Department, Pro-

fessor Raskoff teaches Geography and Oceanography, but he's really known for his field trips.

Held every semester, Raskoff publishes a travel newsletter titled, "Travels With Raskoff." These humorous newsletters document not only past trips but trips to come. Take this Fall for example, under the heading, "Victorian Bike Ride," it continues, "Meet at 10 a.m. on Sat.2 at corner of West Edgeware and Carrol Ave. Bring money for lunch..." Also in Fall's newsletter he asks the burning question, "What are the three R's of the Mojave Desert?" the brief reads on, "For an answer show up at visitors parking lot at 6:45 a.m., Sat., Nov.6 with lunch, beverage, breakfast money, camera and film..." Why field trips? Well, the obvious answer is because it gives you an opportunity to actually look at the things you've studied.

Richard Raskoff did not always teach, but he always enjoyed being outside. He, like so many, was inspired into his field by an enthusiastic instructor. But he still didn't start to teach right away. He worked as a map curator and as an estimator, bidding for jobs for a

construction company. He even hauled asphalt. Now he teaches. About Life Science the Professor says that the Earth is all around you, "People wrinkle, paint chips off, there's evidence of erosion everywhere, you can actually see these things."

Along with the field trips, which are open to Earth Science students and friends, the department is offering a lecture series. The series starts Sept. 21 with "The Ultimate Field Trip by Plane and Jeep to Lake Powell, Monument Valley and the Grand Canyon" given by R.M. Raskoff himself. The series is held Tuesdays at 12 noon in the Math-Science building, room 109. Almost all of the instructors in the department are speaking in this series. Everyone is invited.

When you become aware of the Earth around you, Raskoff claims, "You'll be so interesting, everyone will want to be with you." Nike says, "Just Do It." Raskoff says, "Just go and see it." R.M. Raskoff can be found in MS-111A and don't forget to ask about the fossils in the bathroom.



Kimberly Paige, who attends Valley with her mom, appeared on Married With Children on Sunday. D'Andre Ford/Valley Star

## Career kid and student

mom both at LAVC By CHANTELLLE COHLER Clinton replied that he has gotten

and SHARYN CADIA Valley Star Staff Writers

She learned how to play craps. She discovered where to get the best snacks (the producer's room) and she even got acting tips from the show's star. Eleven year old Kimberly Paige knew that being on the set of "Married...With Children" was going to be an experience not to be forgotten. She was going to be the new face on the set, "Jackie," Al Bundy's high school sweetheart's niece.

With several television commercials, student films, the role on "Married... With Children" and a guest spot on "Coach" under her belt, Kimberly is not new to show business. Growing up, Kimberly watched her mother, a student at Los Angeles Valley

College, working behind the scenes. Mom, who is also Kimberly's manager, is working on her career while Kimberly has already launched hers. How about that!

Being in "the business," Kimberly has met many famous people, but it was her LAVC connections rather than her Hollywood connections that allowed her to meet President Clinton at the college last May.

When President Clinton came to LAVC last Spring "He asked me about the shirt I was wearing and why it was so bright," says Kimberly. "I told him that I wrote his wife a letter and asked why she never wrote me back."

so much mail since he took office, three times more than Bush got all year, but he'd try to write back,

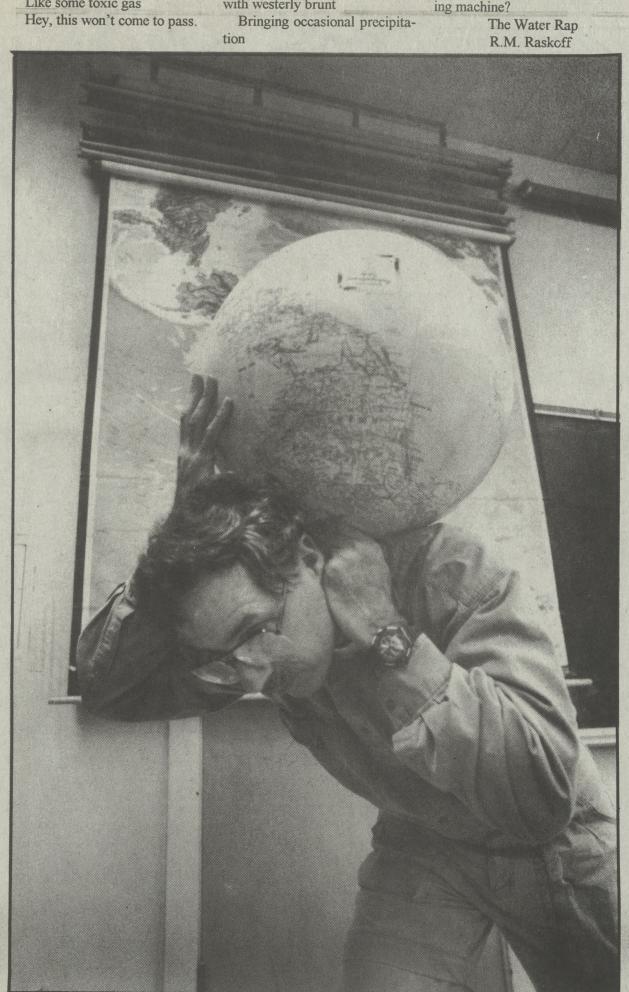
Kimberly thanks Roger Graham, friend and journalism professor at LAVC for this special day. He had and extra pass for the event and thought of Kimberly. Kimberly

has attended Graham's classes with her mom over the years learning about journalism along the way.

Her life is a dichotomy between child and adult. She works at her acting career four to five hours a day then she goes to a tutor in the afternoons. She likes collecting bears, playing with friends and playing Nintendo. Her favorite movie is "Scent of a Woman," "Which most people think I wouldn't be able to see," she says. She also likes fairy tales like

"Cinderella" and "Snow White." "I get to do anything a normal kid does but I get to do more," she says. The money she earns from acting, she plans to use towards her college education at either Yale, Berkeley or UCLA. She advises all aspiring actors her age to "keep trying, sometimes if you can't get the role it doesn't mean you're not good, it just means you're not their

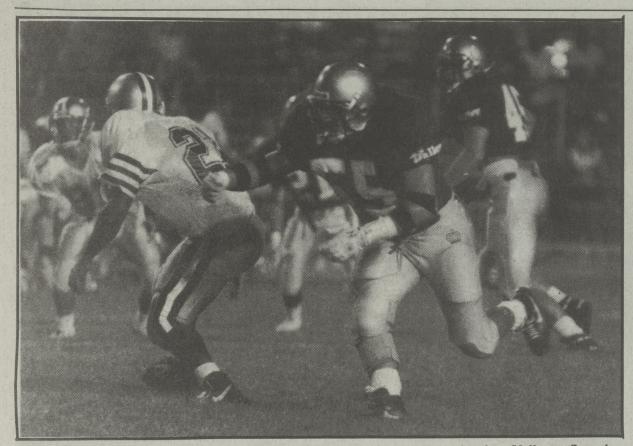
Maybe Kimberly should also remind those aspiring actors to go to the producer's room if they get hungry on the set.



Professor Raskoff with the weight of the world in his hands.

Michael Oehler/Valley Star

# Sports



Monarch Albert Contreras anticipates the play in Valley's 28-23 victory over Antelope Valley on Saturday. Joseph Wang/Valley Star

# Marauders get sacked

By HOVIK KAZANCHYAN Valley Star Staff Writer

They say a race of 1,000 miles begins with one step, and in that long race to the Potato Bowl, the LAVC Monarchs took their first

Saturday evening, here at LAVC, the Monarchs (1-0) defeated the Antelope Valley Marauders 28-23. This was the third straight year that these two teams started their season against each other.

whole, Fenwick responded by saying, "For the first game, I thought we looked very, Very good at times. But obviously we have to improve," he said. "It's always nice to win. It was just a bit closer than we expected."

in the third, their was no scoring 2:14 left. until late in the fourth quarter.

By LUCY THOMAS

Valley Star Staff Writer

Los Angeles Valley College's

water polo team opened its '93

season in Ventura at the Ventura

Tourney on Friday and Saturday.

Bill Krauss, LAVC's water polo

coach said, "This was a very tough

tournament. We played four games

in a 24 hour period but we played

against the wall and chose to "go for it" on fourth down and 16. The pass by quarterback Todd Fink was incomplete, but a flag was dropped on the play and the Monarchs were called for pass interference. This gave the

Maurauders new life. Antelope Valley got the ball on the 27 yard line and pulled within five points as Fink completed a long one to Rodney Flakes for the touchdown. The Marauders When asked about the game as a decided to go for the two-point conversion, but failed on the play.

With 2:16 left in the game, the Marauders had no other choice but to try an on-side kick. To the surprise of many, the play worked. The ball bounced off one of the Monarchs right in front of Antelope After the Monarchs took a 28- Valley's Andy Ward, who jumped 17 lead on a 12 yard touchdown on the ball and put the Marauders run by quarterback Sean Fitzgerald in position to win the game with

But on the very next play, the The Marauders, with under three Monarchs' Tim Milton intercepted

Valley loses 3 of 4 in tournament

tourney. Game Results:

Valley 10 Cerritos 7

minutes to go, had their backs Fink's pass to secure the victory for LAVC.

> Head Coach Jim Fenwick gathered everybody after the game and told them to hang in there.

LAVC got two interceptions by defensive backs Milton and Roy Rodriguez Jr., and almost a third by inside linebacker Albert Contreras who juggled the ball before dropping it.

Early in the second period the Monarchs struck again when runningback Irving Carter, who ran for a total of 128 yards, crossed

the goal line.

The other touchdown for the Monarchs came with 1:44 left in the first half when Vince Lampkin, who is doing double duty ran for ten yards and added 107 more yards at receiver, caught a 17 yard pass from Fitzgerald, sending the Monarchs to the locker room with a 21-14 lead and on their way to victory number one.

well as we ended up in fifth place The LAVC team has a large group out of eight teams." LAVC lost of incoming freshman that show a three games and won one in this lot of excellent talent. Brian and Bruce Park who are identical twins, El Camino Il Valley 3 Chaffey Juan Flores, Jeff Bissell, Erin Fish, 9 Valley 8 Ventura 9 Valley 3 Jason Berry and Jon Dewey. These new members of the water polo

Krauss said, "We really got some team coupled with the standout good experience and our freshmen returning sophomores, Fehring, started blending well with our Vudmaska and a good group of sophomores." High scorer in this vastly improved sophomores, hold meet for LAVC was Jeff Bissell great hopes for the team.

# Perserverance pays after Contreras follows hard road

By HOVIK KAZANCHYAN Valley Star Staff Writer

Born Adalberto Contreras on June 4, 1973, to Efren and Maria Contreras, Albert, as he's called now, is the sixth of ten children. He has seven brothers and two sisters. Contreras is a graduate of Sylmar High School, where he's won a ton of awards as a linebacker.

Contreras made the All League, All Conference, All Area, All Valley, and All City teams in addition to winning the Defensive Player of the Year Award as an inside linebacker. He also participated in two all-star games, the Burbank-Glendale and the Daily News.

Contreras got 126 solo tackles and 38 assists in his senior year at Sylmar. Because of impressive numbers like this, he was recruited by more than ten universities. USC, UCLA, Washington, Washington State, Arizona State, Colorado State, Utah, UNLV, UN Reno, Fresno State, San Diego State, just to name a few. But Contreras was unable to go to any one of those schools.

His senior year at Sylmar was the toughest in Albert's life. His father passed away, forcing Albert and his brothers to get jobs to help out their mother with funeral expenses. In addition they had to take care of the family.

His problems didn't end at home though, Contreras was arrested and spent a day in jail before his mother bailed him out. He had bought auto parts not knowing that they were stolen. He had trusted a man who lied to him.

Through all of this, he's had a lot of support from is family. They we yet to miss one of my games. It's incredible when your family loves you. Without their support I don't know where I would be," Contreras said of his family.

But his family isn't the only source of support for Contreras. Sean Porter, the Linebacker Coach here at LAVC, is another person behind Contreras. "He takes care of me. He helps me out." Contreras said of Porter. Even when Contreras was in high school, Porter was there for him. "He stayed there for me, he kept an eye out for me," Contreras said, "He puts me where I'm supposed to be. He inspires me."

Contreras was set to go to Pierce

College when Porter met him. About a month after Contreras had that misunderstanding with the law, Porter, who had been after Contreras for a while, finally talked to him and convinced him to come to LAVC.

But Contreras doesn't get any special treatment on the field. Contreras said, "Even though we're friends, it's different on the field, he does his job and that's it." Another person that Contreras

would like to thank, "a special thanks," is his probation officer, Herman Sweet. Contreras said of Sweet, "Without him, I wouldn't be here right now."

"I hate to lose. I cried when we lost, I can't accept losing."

#### Adalberto Contreras

On the field, Contreras continues his great performances. Last year he had over 100 tackles, this time for the Monarchs. But he wasn't used to missing the post-season. "I lost more games last year at LAVC, than I did in three years at Sylmar." Contreras said, "I hate to lose. I cried when we lost, I can't accept losing."

He recalls a game last year where he deflected the potential winning touchdown by the opposition, to secure the victory for LAVC. He remembers, "I was telling myself, 'you've got to stop this, youv'e got to do it!""

He will graduate at the end of this semester, because he has had 18 unit semesters and attended

summer school. He did this to have an edge on everyone else. He plans on transferring to San Diego State or Fresno State, where he will spend next semester learning the plays and being acquainted with

the team. When asked about the pros, he said, "I think about it, I always think about it, but you got to have something else."

Contreras is a friend of Mark McMillan of the Philadelphia Eagles, and has a picture of him in his locker which he rubs for good

If the pros aren't in Contreras' future, then he has three other things he would like to do, become a fire fighter, a police officer, or specialize in being a probation officer. He would like to help others to do well, like he has.



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